FISCAL NOTE

SB 368 - HB 639

February 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide travel expense reimbursement for court clerks who attend at least 75 percent of mandatory training sessions at a conference.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$35,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Funds currently appropriated to AOC that have been transferred from other functions to cover excess training costs will remain with those functions.

Assumptions:

- According to AOC, in FY05-06, the state appropriation for clerk training was \$197,600 and actual expenditures were \$232,731. In FY04-05, appropriations totaled \$180,800 and actual expenditures were \$208,733.
- State appropriation for clerk training for FY06-07 is \$202,300.
- The expenditures have exceeded appropriations an average of \$31,500 each year since FY04-05.
- AOC pays all costs of clerk training. AOC has paid the excess cost by transferring funds from other functions.
- Training costs will increase in FY06-07.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director